

Monday, March 3, 1997

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

See Résumé of Congressional Activity.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Five bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 385–389, and S.J. Res. 19–21. **Page S1828**

Balanced Budget Constitutional Amendment: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of S.J. Res. 1, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to require a balanced budget, with a vote to occur thereon at 5:15 p.m. **Page S1846**

Messages from the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting the report on the agreement between the United States and Canada with respect to Social Security; referred to the Committee on Finance. (PM–19). **Pages S1826–27**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Robert S. LaRussa, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

Joel I. Klein, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General. **Page S1846**

Messages From the President: **Pages S1826–27**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 noon, and adjourned at 5:31 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Tuesday, March 4, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1846.)

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 6 public bills, H.R. 902–907; and 2 resolutions, H.J. Res. 58 and H. Con. Res. 31, were introduced. **Pages H708–09**

Reports Filed: No reports were filed today.

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Barrett of Nebraska to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H703**

Presidential Message—Social Security Agreement: Read a message from the President wherein

he transmits his Second Supplementary Social Security Agreement between the United States and the Government of Canada—referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105–49). **Pages H703–04**

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate appears on page H703.

Quorum Calls—Votes: No quorum calls or votes developed during the proceedings of the House today.

Adjournment: Met at 2:00 p.m. and adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No Committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D75)

H.R. 668, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reinstate the Airport and Airway Trust Fund excise taxes. Signed February 28, 1997. (P.L. 105-2)

H.J. Res. 36, approving the Presidential finding that the limitation on obligations imposed by section 518A(a) of the Foreign Operations Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act of 1997, is having a negative impact on the proper functioning of the population planning program. Signed February 28, 1997. (P.L. 105-3)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 1997

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, to hold hearings to examine the school lunch and school breakfast programs, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Corporation for National and Community Service, the American Battle Monuments Commission, the Court of Veterans Appeals, the Selective Service System, and Army Cemeterial Expenses, 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Food Safety and Inspection Service, Marketing and Regulatory programs, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Agricultural Marketing Service, and the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, all of the Department of Agriculture, 10 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Health and Human Services, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services, to resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, 10 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, Subcommittee on Securities, to hold hearings on Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) derivatives accounting rules and their impact on competitiveness and investor information, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, to hold hearings to examine proposed legislation to reform product liability, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works, Subcommittee on Superfund, Waste Control, and Risk Assessment, to hold hearings on proposals relating to liability and resource issues associated with the cleanup and redevelopment of abandoned or underutilized industrial and commercial properties, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance, to hold hearings to examine estimates of the President's fiscal year 1998 budget request for Medicare, Medicaid, and welfare, 10:30 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations, business meeting, to mark up S. Res. 19, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding United States opposition to the prison sentence of Tibet ethnomusicologist Ngawang Choephel by the Government of the People's Republic of China, and to consider pending nominations, 4:45 p.m., SD-419.

NOTICE

For a listing of Senate committee meetings scheduled ahead, see pages E362-64 in today's Record.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Research, Education and Economics, 1 p.m., and on Members of Congress and public witnesses, 4 p.m., 2362A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary, on Attorney General, 2 p.m., 2226 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 10 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, on public witnesses, 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, 10 a.m., on the National Institute of Drug Abuse and the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, 1:30 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, on Quality of Life, 1:30 p.m., B-300 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, on Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, 10 a.m., and on Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, on Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation, 10 a.m., and on Selective Service System, 11 a.m., H-143 Capitol.

Committee on the Budget, hearing on the economy, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Postsecondary Education, Training and Life-Long Learning, hearing on Reform of the Major Federal Job Training Programs, 9:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, to markup the following measures: H. Con. Res. 17, congratulating the